

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to apparatus, with traverse.

It is believed that the requirement cannot properly be repeated, for the following reasons:

1. New claim 18 is a linking claim, drawn to apparatus and hence indivisible from claims 1-8 but exactly coextensive in scope with method claim 9.

2. The method of claim 9 cannot be practiced by an apparatus other than that of claim 18.

3. The apparatus of claim 18 cannot practice a method other than that of claim 9.

4. There is not even one-way distinctness between the groups, much less two-way distinctness.

5. Separate classification is no evidence of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public, and cannot reduce an applicant's rights in any way.

An action on the merits of all of the claims is accordingly respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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